

**REMARKS**

In the Final Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 19 and 25-27 and allowed claims 1, 2, 4-15, 17, 18, and 28-34. Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating the allowable subject matter in the instant claims. However, the Examiner failed to address dependent claims 35-38, which depend from independent claim 34. Applicants believe that the failure to address dependent claims 35-38 is merely a typographical error, as the Examiner allowed independent base claim 34. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully assert that the Examiner intended to allow dependent claims 35-38 in the Final Office Action. If, however, Applicants are mistaken, Applicants sincerely request that the Examiner contact Applicants' representative to clarify the standing of these unaddressed claims.

Regarding claims 19 and 25-27, Applicants respectfully disagree with the Examiner's rejection. Nonetheless, Applicants, by the present Response, canceled claims 19 and 25-27 without prejudice to expedite prosecution of the present application. Upon entry of the amendments, only allowed claims 1, 2, 4-15, 17, 18, and 28-34 and unaddressed dependent claims 35-38 remain pending. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner issue a Notice of Allowance regarding the present application.

**Conclusion**

If the Examiner believes that a telephonic interview will help speed this application toward issuance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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Respectfully submitted,



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